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ON NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

We put the question to Times staffers

The New Year is the time for making and breaking. You make a New Year's resolution today and break it tomorrow. Or do you? To find out what resolutions are made, and broken, we took a quick poll of some The Times staffers to see what they have resolved for the New Year.

First there were the serious resolutions, for those who want 1975 to be a better year.

Our publisher, V.J. MacMillan, has resolved never to drive a car without fastening the seat belts.

John Van Kooten circulation wants to make better use of his time in 1975. He can't pack more hours into the day, so he would like to pack more use into the hours.

Jim Valvasori also of circulation, vows to stay out of trouble and get no more demerit points.

Losing weight and giving up smoking are the two most popular resolutions, and also the two most frequently broken. Drew Suddess of advertising and Gary McWatters, staff artist, both resolve to give up smoking. Drew tried it before and it didn't work, but

this time it's in print and we can confront him with it. Gary was smoking when he said it. "I (puff) resolve (puff) to quit (puff) (puff) smoking (puff)!" Nuff said?

Dave O'Brien, sports writer, decided to dredge up last year's resolution and finally make good on it. He wants to get down to 165 pounds. Wilf Wiber advertising wants to lose a minimum of 10 pounds, and Erna Sawdon, also of circulation, said she wants to lose 30 pounds. However, when she heard the resolution for publication she hastily backtracked and said she didn't mean it. Okay Erna, it's now in print so let's see the results.

George Kaz, sports editor, resolved not to become a father in 1975 — he's getting married in February. Sandy Stouth, women's writer, resolved to keep up her non-smoking campaign, and stay out of hospital.

John Kernaughan, editor, decided not to make any resolutions this year because he probably wouldn't keep them anyway. Jim MacMillan, advertising traffic co-ordinator, decided not to make any either because he doesn't have any vices to give up. (?)

Eileen Murphy, receptionist, says it's hard to know which vice is more important to conquer, then decided (like Jim) that she doesn't really have any vices anyway. Krystyna Jones, women's writer, vows to give up her Chargex card, give up tranquilizers, and remember to get her hay fever shot every week.

Richard Desrochers resolved to get at least two goals in every hockey game played by Team Times. Richard is the fellow who wears two hats in our office, that of assistant publisher and advertising manager. He really does have only one head, however, despite what the advertising staff may say.

Doug Matthews, advertising resolves to be a millionaire by the end of the year, or if not, he'll console himself by buying a new car. Sid Rodaway staff writer, will no longer believe the weather from the weather forecaster. (He has a long drive in the morning to get here.)

James Bailey, a staff writer and our resident m.c.p. (male chauvinist pig) will probably not change his attitude much in the new year. Eric Chalkley of

circulation, vows to give up eating strawberries and cream on Christmas Day. Now that's a real sacrifice.

Ron Pozzer, photographer, who is sometimes quite negative about some things, was surprisingly positive when I asked him about his resolution. He said he definitely had one and wanted me to get pen and paper so I would be sure to quote him exactly. "I hereby resolve," he said, "not to make a resolution this year." Thanks a whole lot!

The last resolution, I guess, has to be mine. I resolved last year to lose 20 pounds, which I did. However, I gained back 10. Now if I lose 20 pounds again this year, I can have the fun of gaining back 10 more and still have a net loss of 20 pounds, which is what I wanted in the first place. Make sense? If you've ever lost weight, it does.

A very Happy New Year to all our readers, our advertisers, our friends, and, of course, our competition.

Oh yes, my final resolve is not to be too hasty

By BETTIE BRADLEY

Well, it's that time again — time to review the year and promise ourselves to do better next year.

I resolve to listen to my children. Oh, I listen, but I don't always hear. I say "yes" and "no" and "that's nice" and I think they are said in reasonably appropriate places. But too often their monologue would be more rewarding for both of us if it were a dialogue. Dear children, in 1975 I promise to participate, no matter how trivial the matter seems to me.

I resolve to resign as live-in chauffeur. I think it's time my family discovered the fun of walking and the joy of reading a bus schedule.

My exhausted car averages 75 miles every day of the year. It visits three schools twice each day, with frequent trips to shopping centres, movie theatres and curling rinks. It spends too much time idling as it waits for tardy teenagers. It is a ridiculous way for a grown woman to spend her time.

I resolve to take the laundry out of the dryer and fold it immediately. This will be the year I finally learn that

clothes do not have to be ironed, if they are promptly rescued from the whirling Dirvish. This will be the year my dryer will not always be full of dry, crushed blouses and shirts that have been lying in a dead lump for two days. When permanent press was developed, the inventors must have had my permanently pressed creases in mind.

children agree to a 10 p.m. curfew and we are all still glued to the television at 11, I feel I'm probably not being very firm. My laissez-faire approach makes for a relaxed household but I sometimes have the distinctly uncomfortable feeling that the children are raising me.

I resolve to stand on my bathroom scales every morning, even when I know the needle will not be kind.

Ham roll-ups with a thermos of hot soup would be a tasty chane.

However, I seem to recall I have been this route before, and I have a nagging recollection that my memorable and innovative lunches of years ago were invariably traded for — what else? — Peanut butter and jam sandwiches.

I resolve to either clean my brass ornaments or pack them away. Last year they lost their soft lustre and turned a harsh gold. This year they took on a decided green halo. Next year I'll do my best; but if I must choose between cleaning brass and reading a good book it is probable that, a year from now, the brass will still be sitting on the whatnot. They will be a little greener and I will be a lot more apologetic.

These are my modest goals. I am not asking too much of myself. I'm not really pushing.

Nevertheless, rather than court failure, my final resolve is not to be too hasty. Perhaps I'll just tuck these away in a drawer and consider them again in 1976.

Adam's rib

I resolve to do on-the-spot running. A friend introduced me to aerobics, I firmly declined an invitation to jog but I somewhat hastily committed myself to a program of skipping and running. A timetable was duly worked out. I don't like to admit to procrastination, but I have been a little tardy in beginning the program. Perhaps in January?

I resolve to be a stricter parent. When the older

I also intend to lose 15 pounds next year. Weight reduction, of course, necessitates a diet and the only diet that works for me is fasting — and fasting is not fun. Perhaps I'll put it off until later in the year. After all, what's the hurry?

I resolve to pack more imaginative school lunches than peanut butter and jam sandwiches. I could wash celery and scrub carrots. Devilled eggs would be nice.

That was the year

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gas bars would lead to more unsafe cars on the road, longer waits for repairs at the remaining garages, and ultimately to higher gasoline prices.

Marina Hundt testified at the Demeter murder trial that she and Peter intended to marry once the trial ended. She said she would never have come to Canada

to live with him if she believed he had killed his wife.

NOVEMBER 13
Seven juveniles were charged by the Peel Regional Police youth bureau with a bizarre series of car thefts throughout Mississauga and Metropolitan Toronto.

A survey by seven Erindale College students said

that prices at Becker's milk stores were found to be an average of 10 per cent higher than those at Dominion Loblaws, Miracle Mart or IGA.

The Demeter jury was ordered sequestered by Justice Campbell Grant in London, before witness Ferenc Stark testified that Peter Demeter had asked him "to arrange an accident

for somebody." It was revealed that the Mississauga builder had been in custody for over a week.

Karen Yvonne Ward, 28, of 363 Lakeshore Rd. E. was charged with the non-capital murder of her common-law husband, James Wilson, 31 of the same address.

NOVEMBER 20
Homeowners who suffered damage in the flooding resulting from a rainstorm on May 16 were told in a

letter from an insurance adjuster that they would receive no compensation for their losses. The letter said there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the City of Mississauga or the Region of Peel in the damage which resulted.

Csaba Szilagyi a former friend of Peter Demeter, told the jury in London, that Demeter had said to him "You are the only one who can bring me to the gallows." Szilagyi said he

was under police guard and had been paid \$115 per week, with a subsequent raise to \$150 per week.

In a joint statement, John Rhodes, Ontario Minister of Transportation and Communications, and Jean Marchand, federal minister of transport, announced that the federal government would be taking over administration of taxis at the Toronto International Airport. Numerous complaints had been received about

overcharging and discourtesy by unregulated drivers.

NOVEMBER 27
The Ontario Municipal Board granted a request for a three-month adjournment in the appeal of Adamson Porteus Ltd. concerning the expropriation of the Adamson Estate.

Regional planning committee called on the federal government to stall a \$60,000 LIP grant for a Peel Community Services project.

Regional Chairman Lou Parsons called the project, which involved a study of the social service needs of Peel's new Official Plan "a complete waste of taxpayer's money." Some councillors charged that the project was an unnecessary duplication of work already being done.

In the Demeter trial, defence lawyers raised the possibility that Laszlo Epers, an escaped convict who was shot by police in Toronto, may have been the

real killer of Christine Demeter, through the evidence of Joseph Dinardo, a fellow Hungarian serving 7½ years for arson and uttering counterfeit money.

December

DECEMBER 4.

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